(b) Steps taken by the Government to deal with insurgency situation in N.E. States include, *inter alia*, deployment of additional units of Central para Military Forces and Army; improved coordination and sharing of intelligence; modernisation/upgradation of State Police Forces; sanction of Special Central assistance; reimbursement of security related expenditure; declaration of the most seriously affected areas as 'disturbed areas' and notification of the major insurgent groups as 'Unlawful associations'. The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time for taking appropriate action. State Governments are also sensitised from time to time to deal with the situation effectively.

Kangaroo Courts in Murshidabad

1619. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in certain pockets in Murshidabad district of West Bengal, Kangaroo courts are operating;

(b) if so, whether Government have sought detailed information in this regard from the State Government;

(c) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI):

(a) to (d) The matter has been taken up with the State Government. Their reply is awaited.

Strike in Darjeeling

1620. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people of Darjeeling, Kurseong and Kalimpong sub-divisions went on 48 hours' strike on 5th and 6th February, 1999;

(b) if so, the demands of the people there; and

(c) the action proposed by Government to fulfit their demands?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANNI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The bandh was sponsored by the 8-Party United Front in protest against the continuance of Subash Ghisingh (President GNLF) as Caretaker Chairman of the DGHC and extension of the DGHC term even after its expiry on january 10, 1999 as well as to demand creation of a separate Gorkhaland State.

(c) The term of the DGHC has been extended by the Government of West Bengal, under whose administrative control DGHC functions. Government is not contemplating any proposal for creation of a separate state of Gorkhaland.

Amalgamation of DIU, Daman and Dadra Nagar Haveli in Gujarat

1621. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Diu, Daman and Dadra Nagar Haveli, earlier under Portuguese regime are geographically within the Gujarat territory;

(b) whether it is also a fact that administration of these territories is being run from Goa;

(c) if so, whether the developmental activities are not undertaken because of the administration being in Goa since 1960;

(d) whether Government are actively considering to amalgamate these territories in Gujarat; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir. These territories are located within the State of Gujarat except Diu which is an offshore island and Nagar Haveli which is bounded largely by Valsad District of Gujarat in the north and by Thana District of Maharashtra in the South.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. There are historical reasons because of which these areas continue to function as distinct administrative entities.